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The Farmer Cooperative Service conducts research studies and service activities of assistance to farmers in connection with cooperatives engaged in marketing farm products, purchasing farm supplies, and supplying business services. The work of the Service relates to problems of management, organization, policies, financing, merchandising, product quality, costs, efficiency, and membership.

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STATE STATUTES AUTHORIZING ASSISTANCE
TO FARMER COOPERATIVES

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The State statutes cited and summarized in this publication pertain to the aid and assistance required or authorized to be given farmer cooperatives by certain agencies of the various States.

The list is broken down by States in alphabetical order and following each citation is a summary of what the cited provision of law provides. No pertinent statutory provisions were found in the codes of the following States and Territories: Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, the District of Columbia, and the Virgin Islands.

In analyzing the statutes of each of the States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, we have restricted our citation of pertinent statutes to those which clearly provide for assistance or aid specifically to agricultural cooperatives. Some States may well be providing assistance to farmer cooperatives through appropriate State agencies pursuant to general statutory authority which does not specifically mention farmer cooperatives.

However, inasmuch as all States have enacted agricultural legislation authorizing State agencies to foster and improve agriculture, marketing, and other phases of agricultural development, we have not included such laws in the attached list. Also, regulatory legislation such as that pertaining to the marketing of milk and certain agricultural products has not been included, although it is realized that all farm producers including cooperatives obtain the benefits of such legislation.

CODE OF ALABAMA

Title 2 - sec. 95 -- Authorizes bylaws of incorporated marketing associations organized under this section to provide that one or more directors may be appointed by the commissioner of agriculture and industries, the President of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute or any other public official or commission.

ARKANSAS STATUTES ANNOTATED

Title 77 - sec. 77-912 -- Provides that the bylaws of an association organized under the "Cooperative Marketing Act" (77-901-77-928) may provide that one or more directors of the association may be appointed by the dean of the College of Agriculture (or by the Commissioner of Mines, Manufactures and Agriculture) or any other public official or commission.

sec. 77-1005 -- Urges groups of persons contemplating the organization of an agricultural cooperative association under this Act (77-1001-77-1025) to communicate with the dean of the State Agricultural College, who will furnish them with information derived from a survey of the marketing conditions affecting the commodities to be handled by the proposed association.

sec. 77-1012 -- Provides that the bylaws of an association organized under the Act (77-1001-77-1025) may provide that one or more directors of such association may be appointed by the Governor or the Dean of the College of Agriculture, or any other designated Federal or State public official or commission.

WEST'S ANNOTATED CALIFORNIA CODES

Agricultural Code - sec. 1152 -- Authorizes the Director of Agriculture to promote, assist and encourage the organization and operation of cooperative and other

associations and organizations for improving the relations and services among producers, distributors and consumers of products, and protect and conserve the interests of the producers and consignors thereof.

sec. 1202 -- Authorizes the bylaws of non-profit cooperative associations organized under Chapter 4 of Division 6 of the Agricultural Code to provide that one or more directors may be chosen by any public official or commission.

sec. 1223-1229 (added by legislation enacted in 1961 Session) -- Sets forth acts constituting misdemeanors which involve "co-operative bargaining associations" organized under Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 1190) of Division 6 of the Agricultural Code, such as interfering with producers in the exercise of rights guaranteed by Section 1224 (pertaining to right of a farmer to join a cooperative association), inducing a producer to refuse or to cease to belong to such a cooperative, giving false reports about activities of such cooperatives, and discriminating against producers with respect to the terms of the purchase of raw agricultural commodities by reason of the producer's membership in or contract with such associations. These sections authorize the director of agriculture to receive complaints from producers with respect to violations of unfair trade practices and to bring an action to enjoin the violation of any provision of this chapter.

sec. 2767 and 3272 -- Provides that in the determination of whether the issuance of a marketing order is approved or favored, the director shall consider the approval or disapproval of any nonprofit agricultural cooperative marketing association engaged in the marketing of the commodity covered by the order.

COLORADO REVISED STATUTES

Chapter 7-4-5 -- Urges groups contemplating the organization of marketing association under article 4 to communicate with the commissioner of agriculture or his

representative who will inform them whatever a survey of the marketing conditions affecting the commodities proposed to be handled may indicate regarding probable success.

7-4-12 -- Authorizes marketing associations organized under this article (4) to provide in their bylaws that one or more directors may be appointed by any public official or commission.

GENERAL STATUTES OF CONNECTICUT

Title 22 - sec. 213 -- Provides that the milk administrator shall encourage cooperative marketing associations to promote efficient methods of marketing and distribution.

DELAWARE CODE ANNOTATED

Title 3 - sec. 302(3) -- Provides that the Bureau of Markets of the Department of Agriculture shall promote, assist and encourage the organization and operation of co-operative and other associations and organizations for improving the relations and services among producers, distributors and consumers of food products.

FLORIDA STATUTES ANNOTATED

Title 34 - sec. 618.03 -- Urges every group of persons contemplating the organization of an agricultural co-operative association under chapter 618 to communicate with the state marketing commissioner who will inform them whatever a survey of the marketing conditions affecting the commodities to be handled by the proposed association indicates regarding probable success.

sec. 618.12 -- Authorizes bylaws to provide that one or more directors may be appointed by the commissioner of agriculture.

CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED

Title 5 - sec. 5-204 -- Requires the Director of Markets to assist and advise in the organization and the conduct of cooperative and other associations for improving relations and services among producers, distributors and consumers.

Title 65 - sec. 65-208 -- Provides that one or more directors of an association organized under the Cooperative Marketing Act (ch. 65-2) may be appointed by the State Commissioner of Agriculture, the dean of the College of Agriculture or any other public official or commission.

IDAHO CODE

Title 22 - sec. 1003 -- Authorizes the Idaho Marketing Commission to cooperate with the board of directors of the Idaho Shippers' Traffic Association, the Idaho Horticultural Association, the Idaho Vegetable Producers' Association, or other similar organizations in assisting them to every extent and purpose as may be deemed necessary by the commission in order to carry out the intent and purpose of the act creating the commission.

sec. 2605 -- Urges every group of persons contemplating the organization of an agricultural association organized under chapter 26 to communicate with the department of agriculture who will inform it whatever a survey of the marketing conditions affecting the commodities to be handled by the proposed association indicates regarding probable success.

sec. 2612 -- Provides that one or more directors of an association organized under the Cooperative Marketing Act (chapter 26) may be appointed by the department of agriculture or any other public official or commission.

SMITH-HURD ILLINOIS ANNOTATED STATUTES

Ch. 32 - sec. 444 -- Urges every group of persons contemplating the organization of an association under The Agricultural Cooperative Act (secs. 440-472) to communicate with the Director of Agriculture, who will inform them whatever a survey of the marketing conditions affecting the commodities proposed to be handled may indicate regarding probable success.

sec. 451 -- Authorizes bylaws of such association to provide that one or more directors may be nominated by any public official or commission.

INDIANA STATUTES - ANNOTATED

Title 15 - sec. 15-1611 -- Authorizes bylaws of an association organized under the Indiana Agricultural Cooperative Act to provide that one or more directors may be appointed by any public official or commission, etc.

KENTUCKY REVISED STATUTES

Chapter 246 - sec. 246.070 -- The Commissioner of Agriculture, Labor and Statistics shall promote and encourage, as far as practicable, the organization of agricultural and horticultural societies and other associations, etc.

Chapter 247 - sec. 247.070 -- The University of Kentucky shall establish in connection with its agricultural extension work a bureau for fostering cooperative marketing.

Chapter 260 - sec. 260.030 -- Division of Markets, in the Department of Agriculture, Labor and Statistics shall stress promotional market efforts and make available to farmers practical assistance in setting up farm cooperatives, etc.

Chapter 272 - sec. 272.100(2) -- The Dean of the College of Agriculture of the University of Kentucky shall, upon request, inform any group of persons contemplating the organization of a cooperative marketing association what the results of a survey of the marketing conditions affecting the commodities proposed to be handled indicate regarding probable success.

sec. 272.170 -- Authorizes the bylaws of cooperative marketing associations to provide that one or more directors may be appointed by any public official or commission.

sec. 272.440 -- Authorizes the bylaws of cooperative protective associations organized under the provisions of 272.360-272.510 to provide that one or more directors may be appointed by any public official or commission.

sec. 272.500 -- The State Department of Agriculture of Kentucky is directed to assist in the organization of any association desiring to incorporate under the provisions of 272.360 - 272.510 (cooperative livestock protective associations) when requested to do so by twenty or more eligible persons, etc.

LOUISIANA STATUTES ANNOTATED - REVISED STATUTES

Title 3 - sec. 80 -- Authorizes bylaws of agricultural cooperative associations to provide that one or more directors may be appointed by the governor of the state,

or the dean of the college of agriculture of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, or the Commission of Agriculture and Immigration.

sec. 124 -- Urges every group of persons contemplating the organization of an association organized under Part II of Title 3 to communicate with the dean of the college of agriculture of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, who will inform it whatever a survey of the marketing conditions affecting the commodities proposed to be handled may indicate regarding probable success.

sec. 130 -- Provides with respect to cooperative marketing associations the same as provided by section 80 above.

REVISED STATUTES OF MAINE

Chapter 32 - sec. 30 -- Authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture to investigate the existing methods and costs of marketing farm products and purchasing farm supplies and to secure improvements therein in cooperation with such agricultural corporations or associations as he may deem proper.

ANNOTATED LAWS OF MASSACHUSETTS

Chapter 128 - sec. 2(e) -- Authorizes the department of agriculture to investigate and aid improved methods of cooperative production, marketing and distribution of agricultural products within the commonwealth.

MICHIGAN STATUTES ANNOTATED

Title 12 - sec. 12.72 -- The director of markets required to investigate production and marketing of farm products and to assist in the organization of cooperative and other associations for improving the relations and services among producers, distributors and consumers and afford them such services under adequate rules and regulations as relate to standardization, grading, packing, handling, storage and sale of products.

MINNESOTA STATUTES ANNOTATED

Chapter 17 - sec. 17.03 -- Provides that commissioner of agriculture shall encourage and promote the development of agricultural industries and assist farmers, producers, and consumers in the organization and management of cooperative enterprises and cooperative marketing of farm products, etc.

Chapter 22 - sec. 22.12 -- Provides that the bylaws shall provide that one or more directors of a cooperative marketing association organized under 22.03 to 22.35 may be appointed by the commissioner or any other public official or commission.

sec. 22.32 -- Provides that cooperative associations organized and existing under the cooperative marketing act (22.03 to 22.35) shall be supervised and controlled by the commissioner. The commissioner, his deputy or assistant, shall visit and examine such businesses at least annually and ascertain their financial condition, etc. He can also prescribe uniform systems of accounting, etc.

sec. 22.33 -- The governor has power to remove any officer or director of any association and under certain circumstances he may refer winding up of affairs of an association to the attorney general.

sec. 22.36-39 -- Requires the commissioner to formulate systems of accounting for such associations, etc., cause the books and records to be examined by a competent accountant, etc., and any cooperative can apply to obtain such services, etc.

Chapter 137 - sec. 137.15 -- Requires the Board of regents to create within the department of agriculture a department to collect statistics and information in reference to cooperatives among farmers and to disseminate such information among farmers, etc.

MISSISSIPPI CODE 1942 - ANNOTATED

Title 19 - sec. 4435-04 - 4435-20 -- The state marketing commission is required to receive and act upon applications for grant of aid filed by associations of producers of agricultural products (agricultural cooperative associations and cooperative marketing associations) organized under Title 19, ch. 5, arts. 1 and 2. The applications required to be in the form of a request for a grant of aid in the development of the state's agricultural resources by the establishment of processing, storage and marketing facilities for the handling, storing and distribution of agricultural products. A grant cannot exceed 30% of the total cost of the construction of the proposed facility nor in any case to exceed \$15,000, but additional grants are authorized when necessary to protect the investment of the state under an original grant.

sec. 4504 -- Authorizes bylaws of cooperative marketing associations to provide that one or more directors may be appointed by the president of the A & M College or such other public official commission, association or board as may be indicated by such bylaws.

VERNON'S ANNOTATED MISSOURI STATUTES

Title 17 - sec. 261.030 -- Requires the commissioner of agriculture to foster, encourage, and assist in the organization and development of cooperative associations and movement to aid in solving problems of marketing farm products.

sec. 274.110 -- Authorizes the bylaws of cooperative associations organized under Chapter 274 to provide that one or more directors may be appointed by any public official or commission.

REVISED CODES OF MONTANA - 1947

Title 14 - sec. 14-405 -- Urges every group of persons contemplating the organization of an association under the cooperative marketing act to communicate with the dean of the state agricultural college who will inform it whatever a survey of marketing conditions affecting the commodities to be handled by the proposed association indicates regarding probable success.

NEW HAMPSHIRE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED - 1955

Chapter 301 - sec. 301:18 -- Authorizes the bylaws of cooperative marketing associations to provide that one or more directors may be appointed by any public official or commission.

sec. 301:39 -- Authorizes the commissioner of agriculture to give assistance in the organization or reorganization, of cooperative associations.

Title 4 - sec. 4:1-5 - 4:1-6 -- Authorizes certain farmer organizations and cooperative associations to send delegates to an annual convention to elect two farmers to be recommended to the Governor for appointment to the State Board of Agriculture.

sec. 4:10-2 -- Authorizes the department of agriculture, acting through the Division of Markets, or otherwise, to assist and advise in the organization and maintenance of producers' and consumers' cooperative selling and buying associations.

MCKINNEY'S CONSOLIDATED LAW OF
NEW YORK ANNOTATED

Chapter 69 - sec. 16 -- Authorizes the department of agriculture, among other things, to co-operate with agricultural associations, investigate and recommend useful methods of co-operative production, marketing and distribution of foods, aid in the organization and operation of co-operative associations, call conferences of co-operative associations organized under chapter seventy-seven for discussion of cost of production, transportation and marketing, etc. to facilitate marketing operating operations for such co-operative associations. 1/

Chapter 77 - sec. 61 -- Authorizes bylaws to provide that one or more directors may be appointed by any public official or commission or by other directors. 2/

1/ Agriculture and Markets Law - sec. 16.

2/ Cooperative Corporations Law - sec. 61.

GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA

Chapter 54 - sec. 133 -- Urges groups contemplating the organization of a marketing association under subchapter V to communicate with the chief of the division of markets who will inform them whatever a survey of the marketing conditions affecting the commodities to be handled by the proposed associations indicates regarding probable success.

sec. 146 -- Requires, among other things, that the bylaws of marketing associations shall provide that one or more directors of such an association shall be appointed by the director of agricultural extension or any other public official or commission.

NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE

Chapter 4-06 - sec. 4-06-01 -- Creates within the department of agriculture and labor a board known as the North Dakota commissioners of the federated co-operative agricultural association, to encourage the formation of a federated agricultural association for the protection of states having a community of interests in agricultural problems. The board is authorized to present the federated plan to other agricultural states with a view to forming a group of federated states, for the mutual benefit and protection of the producers of agricultural commodities.

sec. 4-06-09 -- Creates within the department of agriculture and labor a division of co-operatives to aid co-operatives by serving as a source of co-operation and information in the establishment and maintenance of co-operatives generally.

sec. 4-06-11 -- Requires the commissioner of agriculture and labor to compile files of statistical data relating to the work and progress of co-operative enterprises, the statutes of the several states, and so

far as reasonably convenient, those of foreign countries, affecting co-operatives; disseminate information and materials for the use and benefit of established co-operatives and new co-operative projects in process of organization, and render such personal assistance to co-operatives generally as may be possible within the means and facilities at his disposal.

OHIO REVISED CODE ANNOTATED

Title LX - sec. 901.17 -- Requires the bureau of markets to promote, assist, and encourage the organization and operation of co-operative and other associations and organizations for improving the relations and services among producers, distributors, and consumers of food products.

Title XVII - sec. 1729.13 -- Authorizes the bylaws of an agricultural cooperative association organized under sections 1729.01 to 1729.27 to provide that one or more directors may be appointed by any public official or commission.

OKLAHOMA STATUTES ANNOTATED

Title 2 - sec. 344 -- Authorizes bylaws of co-operative agricultural associations organized under sections 331-354 to provide that one or more directors may be appointed by any public official or commission.

OREGON REVISED STATUTES

Title 46 - sec. 561.080 -- Authorizes the Oregon State College to conduct educational work in the field of marketing, which includes information, advice and assistance relative to organizing and operating cooperative associations and marketing agencies.

PURDON'S PENNA. STATUTES ANNOTATED

Title 71 - sec. 444 -- Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to furnish advice and assistance to the public with reference to the marketing of farm products, to assist and advise in the organization and conduct of public markets, of cooperative and other associations for improving marketing conditions and activities among producers, distributors and consumers.

GENERAL LAWS OF RHODE ISLAND - 1956

Title 2 - sec. 2-1-8 -- Authorizes the director of agriculture and conservation to assist and advise in the organization and maintenance of producers' and consumers' cooperative selling and buying associations.

CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA - 1952

Title 12 - sec. 12-906 -- Urges every group of persons contemplating the organization of an association under the "Cooperative Marketing Act" (chapter 14) to communicate with the director of the extension service of The Clemson Agricultural College of South Carolina who will inform it whatever a survey of the marketing conditions affecting the commodities to be handled by the proposed association indicates regarding probable success.

sec. 12-961 -- The bylaws of an association organized under chapter 14 may provide that one or more directors may be appointed by the director of the extension service of The Clemson Agricultural College of South Carolina.

SOUTH DAKOTA CODE OF 1939

Chapter 4 - sec. 4.1603 -- Requires the Secretary of Agriculture upon request by any group of persons contemplating the organization of a cooperative marketing association organized under Chapter 4.16 to furnish them the best information available as to methods of organization and possibilities of success and to make needed surveys of the marketing conditions affecting such commodities, when requested to do so, insofar as the personnel of the Department makes such assistance possible.

Chapter 4.21 - sec. 4.201 - 4.202 (1960 Supp.) -- Creates in the Department of Agriculture a Division of Production and Marketing Co-operatives to aid production and marketing cooperatives by serving as a source of co-operation and information in the establishment and/or maintenance of such cooperatives generally, and requires the Secretary of Agriculture to assemble statistical data relating to the work and progress of such cooperative enterprises, the statutes of the several states and, so far as reasonably convenient, those of foreign countries, affecting production and marketing cooperatives. Also requires the Secretary to disseminate such information and materials for the use of production and marketing cooperatives and to render personal assistance to such organizations.

TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED

Title 43 - sec. 43-1806 -- Urges every group of persons contemplating the organization of an association under "The Cooperative Marketing Law" (ch. 18) to communicate with the College of Agriculture, University of Tennessee, which will inform them whatever the survey of the marketing conditions affecting the commodities proposed to be handled may indicate regarding probable success.

sec. 43-1816 -- Authorizes the bylaws of an association organized under "The Cooperative Marketing Law" to provide that one or more directors may be appointed by any public official or commission.

VERNON'S TEXAS STATUTES

Title 93 - sec. 5741 -- Urges every group of persons contemplating the organization of an agricultural association under Chapter 8 to communicate with the Commissioner of Agriculture who will inform it whatever a survey of the marketing conditions affecting the commodities to be handled by the proposed association indicates regarding probable success.

VERMONT STATUTES ANNOTATED

Title 11 - sec. 1008 -- The bylaws of organizations formed under "The Cooperative Marketing Act" (ch 7, subsec.2) may provide that one or more directors may be appointed by any public official or commission.

CODE OF VIRGINIA - 1950

Title 3 - sec. 3-527 -- Authorizes the Director of the Division of Markets to assist in the organization of cooperative societies among producers and consumers, for the purpose of promoting and conserving the interest of producers of agricultural products in the sale and distribution of same, and in the purchase of their necessary supplies, and for the purpose of reducing the cost of living to consumers.

Title 13.1 - sec. 13.1-324 -- Requires the bylaws of associations organized under the "Agricultural Co-operative Association Act" to provide that one or more directors shall be appointed by the Director of the State Agricultural Extension Service.

REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON

Title 15 - sec. 15.64.010 -- Authorizes the director to aid producers and consumers in establishing economical and efficient methods of distribution, promoting more direct business relations by organizing cooperative societies of buyers and sellers and by other means reducing the cost and waste in the distribution of farm products.

Title 24 - sec. 24.32.040 -- Requires every group of persons contemplating the organization of an agricultural cooperative association under Chapter 24.32 to communicate with the director of agriculture, whose duty it will be to advise with and assist them regarding the manner of organization and the preparation of the marketing contract between the corporation formed or to be formed and the members thereof, with the proviso that such corporation shall not commence business or solicit members thereof until the form of said marketing contract shall have been approved by the director of agriculture.

sec. 24.32.110 -- Requires the bylaws of all associations organized or brought under the provisions of Chapter 24.32, if the director of agriculture so requires, to provide that one director shall be appointed by the director of agriculture. This section further provides that no association whose bylaws presently provide for the appointment of one or more directors by the director of agriculture shall amend such bylaws so as to eliminate such appointed director without having first obtained the consent of the director of agriculture.

WEST VIRGINIA CODE OF 1955

Chapter 10-sec. 1909 -- Requires the commissioner of agriculture to promote and encourage the organization of such societies and associations as have for their object the improvement and development of the State's agricultural, horticultural and kindred interests, especially in production, processing for market and distribution.

sec. 1937 -- Authorizes the bylaws of an agricultural cooperative association organized under Article 4 of Chapter 19 to provide that one or more directors may be appointed by any public official or commissioner.

WISCONSIN STATUTES ANNOTATED

Title 6 - sec. 37.29 -- Requires the state university and state and county colleges to provide adequate and essential instruction in cooperative marketing.

sec. 40.43 -- Requires adequate instruction in cooperative marketing in granting certificates for the teaching of courses in economics, social studies, and agriculture.

sec. 40.46 -- Provides that every high school and school of vocational adult education shall prescribe adequate and essential instruction in cooperative marketing.

Title 12 - sec. 93.06 (5) & (6) -- Authorizes the department of agriculture to give assistance in the organization, operation or reorganization of such public markets as are authorized by law, and of cooperative associations and to set aside a portion of its funds as a cooperative educational fund to acquaint producers and consumers with the advantages to the general public of cooperative handling of farm and dairy products and for instruction and research to increase the efficiency of cooperative marketing associations.

sec. 93.07 (4) Supp. -- Requires the department of agriculture to receive and examine, prior to their transmission to the department of administration, the biennial request for state aid of agricultural societies, intercounty fair associations, and other agricultural associations holding fairs, the Wisconsin Horticultural Society, the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Association, the Wisconsin Cranberry Growers Association, the Wisconsin Live Stock Breeders Association, poultry associations receiving state aid, the Wisconsin

State Dairymen's Association, the Southern Wisconsin Dairymen and Cheesemakers Association, the Wisconsin Potato Growers Association, and other similar societies and associations receiving state aid.

sec. 93.07 (17) -- Requires the department of agriculture to promote the efficient marketing of the dairy and farm products of Wisconsin through cooperative marketing associations, and to center the efforts of the department in the performance of its duties under this subsection upon the development of a centralized system of the cooperative marketing of dairy products. Also authorizes the department, with the approval of the governor, to extend its operations to other farm products, for the purpose of developing similar centralized systems for the cooperative marketing of such Wisconsin farm products.

sec. 94.08 Supp. -- Provides for state aid to counties, and any such organized agricultural society, association or board in the state in connection with its annual fairs.

sec. 94.15 -- States that since the history of the farm marketing problem in the state and nation, as well as throughout the world, points to a solution chiefly through cooperative marketing efforts of producers, it is the policy of the state to assist in the organization and development of cooperative associations.

sec. 94.16 -- Establishes one or more "farm stabilization funds" administered by the department of agriculture to be used exclusively for the development of a centralized system of the cooperative marketing of dairy and other farm products as outlined in 93.06 (6) and 93.06 (17).

sec. 94.17 -- Authorizes commodity contracts approved by the state department of agriculture for use by cooperative marketing associations with their producer members to provide for the setting aside of a promotional fund by such associations, to be used according to rules and regulations approved by the department.

sec. 94.18 -- Provides for State contribution to promotional funds pursuant to 94.17.

sec. 94.19 -- Provides that if the department of agriculture with the approval of the governor determines that it is advisable to centralize the marketing of any farm product, other than dairy products and it is equipped to do so efficiently, it may proceed under a similar plan as provided in sections 94.16 to 94.18 for dairy marketing.

sec. 94.80 Supp. -- Requires certain designated farm organizations and associations to file annual reports to the department of agriculture and if the department considers them satisfactory the section provides for payments to such associations in amounts appropriated for such associations and societies by sections 20.140(25) and 20.140(28).

Title 3 - sec. 20.140(28) -- Appropriates funds for state aid to counties and agricultural societies, associations or boards as provided in 94.08.

LAWS OF PUERTO RICO ANNOTATED

Title 3 - sec. 373 -- Provides that the Division of Agricultural Development within the Department of Agriculture and Commerce shall be in charge of the organization of agriculture cooperatives.

Title 5 - sec. 901 -- Creates Department of Cooperatives of the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of Puerto Rico to foster cooperativism, formulate and establish educational programs for the orientation of cooperative action, suggest research to pertinent agencies necessary to assist in the development of cooperativism, lend assistance necessary to improve functioning of cooperative associations, and to do all things necessary to raise the economic, social, and educational standards through democratic cooperative action.

sec. 902 -- Requires cooperatives organized under sections 881-909 to set aside annually not less than one-tenth of one per cent of the total cash volume of its annual operations, for educational purposes and authorizes cooperatives to contribute voluntarily to the Department of Cooperatives of the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of Puerto Rico a part or all their funds for educational purposes, in order that the latter may intensify the work of cooperative education.

(The Act of May 1, 1957, transferred the Office of the Inspector of Cooperatives, the functions of the Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce with respect to the Office of the Inspector of Cooperatives, and the Department of Cooperatives of the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of Puerto Rico, to the Cooperative Development Administration.)

sec. 920-924 - 1959 Supp. -- Creates the Puerto Rico Cooperative Development Administration to promote and speed up the continuous development of the cooperative movement in all its phases, to coordinate programs for cooperative development, to recommend to pertinent agencies or organizations such educational and research activities necessary to help promote the cooperative movement, to render such services as may be necessary toward facilitating the organization of cooperatives and improve the operation of such associations, and to do whatever else may be necessary to raise the economic, social and educational levels of the community through democratic cooperative action.

